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Applicants:

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 August 14, 2006

(Monday)

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated April 13, 2006, the period for response having been extended up to and including August 13, 2006, applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

Claims 1, 6, 7, 10, 14, 15, 18, 19 and 22 are amended.

Claims 5, 13 and 21 are cancelled.